

areas were identified. For the development of industrially backward areas three schemes of assistance were operated. These were central investment subsidy scheme, transport subsidy scheme and central assistance for infrastructural development in non-industry districts. Since June, 1988, a new scheme of setting of 100 growth centres throughout the country to attract industries to backward areas which would be endowed with infrastructural facilities at par with the best available in the country has been introduced.

No change in criteria for allocation of additional funds for development of hilly and backward areas under contemplation.

Edible Oil supplied to Vanaspathi Manufacturers

6680. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether due to short supply of edible oils to the Vanaspathi manufacturers, the production of Vanaspathi has decreased; and

(b) the quantity allotted to the Vanaspathi manufacturers during the current year upto July 31, 1991 as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The production of vanaspathi appears to have declined due to limited availability of cheaper, non-traditional and minor oils for the manufacture of vanaspathi as also higher prices of this product vis-a-vis refined liquid oils.

(b) Nil in the aforesaid periods.

Funding of Development Projects in Computer Science and Sanskrit

6681. SHRI RAM KAPSSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of development projects have been funded in the area of computer science and Sanskrit by various technical departments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the mechanism of their coordination and monitoring;

(d) whether the monitoring committee is same for all the projects;

(e) the mechanism to evaluate results of projects funded by the different departments to suggest interaction of technologies and to ensure effective interdepartmental coordination and monitoring of the projects; and

(f) the manner in which sponsoring technical departments provide technical support in initial selection and installation of computing facilities and in organising computer orientation programmes in Sanskrit Institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRIMATI MARGART ALVA): (a) and (b), Yes, Sir. A number of development projects have been initiated in the area of computer and Sanskrit by the Department of Electronics and the Ministry of Science and Technology. The details of the projects are given in the attached statement.

(c) The projects are being monitored through periodic reports and by specific monitoring and coordination committees twice or thrice a year. The coordination of the projects funded by the Department of Electronics is done by the Department itself. The coordination of the projects funded by the Ministry of Science and Technology is done by the National Institute of Science and Technology Development Studies (NIS-TADS).